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SUBJECT: 2005 SUA PROTOCOLS SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION(EL
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11. This is an action request. Please see paragraph 3.

12. On April 18, Poloff spoke to the Director of Legal Affairs for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Elizabeth Villalta, regarding the signature and ratification of the 2005 protocols to the Suppression of Unlawful Acts (SUA) convention. Ms. Villalta stated that she did not see any reason why El Salvador could not sign and ratify the protocols, but would need to review it more thoroughly.

13. Action Request: The Salvadoran MFA requests a copy of the 2005 protocols to the SUA in Spanish. Due to the lack of legal personnel with English fluency, it is unlikely that the MFA will review the document until they receive a copy in Spanish.

14. Comment: El Salvador has not been an active participant in the International Maritime Organization, and although they have ratified both the original convention and the 1988 protocols, they are unlikely to move quickly to either sign or ratify the agreement.
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